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1. THE FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED WITH REGARD TO THE GOJ FOREIGN OFFICE QUESTIONS IN PARA 7, REF B:

A. QTE NON-DEFAULT RESCHEDULING UNQTE MEANS A RESCHEDULING WHICH OCCURS WITHOUT A PRIOR OR IMMINENT DEFAULT DUE TO THE INABILITY OF THE DEBTOR TO SERVICE ITS EXTERNAL OBLIGATIONS. THE INDIAN AND 1973 PAKISTAN ARE EXAMPLES OF MULTILATERAL NON-DEFAULT RESCHEDULINGS, WHEREAS THE 1972 PAKISTAN AND CHILE RESCHEDULINGS ARE DEFAULT RESCHEDULINGS.

B. THE DEFINITION OF QTE PROJECTS VISIBLY LOCATED IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BANGLADESH UNQTE IS NOT, RPT NOT, FIRMLY ESTABLISHED. WE

PROPOSE TO DRAW UP A LIST FOR PRESENTATION TO BDG WHICH WILL INCLUDE: (1) LOANS FOR PROJECTS EXCLUSIVELY IN FORMER EAST PAKISTAN; (2) LOANS FOR PROJECTS LOCATED IN BOTH FORMER EAST AND WEST PAKISTAN, INCLUDING RELENDING CREDITS TO INTERMEDIATE CREDIT INSTITUTIONS. THE IBRD HAS SUGGESTED THAT DONORS SUBMIT LISTS TO THE BDG AND HOLD PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS TO IDENTIFY THE PROBLEM AREAS. NEGOTIATIONS ON PROBLEM AREAS, I.E., LOANS NOT READILY

ACCEPTED BY THE BDG, COULD THEN BE CONDUCTED BY THE IBRD OR THE CREDITORS INDIVIDUALLY BUT ALONG LINES AGREED TO BY THE CREDITORS GROUP. WE FIND THIS PROCEDURE ACCEPTABLE.

- C. WE HAVE JUST COMPLETED OUR INITIAL LIST AND EXPECT SHORTLY TO BE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH BDG.
- D. INTERRELATIONSHIP AMONG (1) BDG POSITION ON PROJECTS IN BANGLADESH, (2) EVENTUAL DISPOSITION OF LONG-TERM PAKISTAN DEBT SITUATION, AND (3) THE FY 1974 RESCHEDULING FOR PAKISTAN HAS DELAYED FINALIZING FY 1974 AGREEMENT. WE HAVE, HOWEVER, SUSPENDED BILLINGS ON CERTAIN LOANS TO INSURE USG WILL MEET ITS SHARE DESPITE THE DELAY IN COMPLETING THE ARRANGEMENTS.
- 2. RE QUESTION PARA 6 REF B, BDG HAS ACCEPTED, IN PRINCIPLE, LIABILITY FOR VISIBLE PROJECTS. AS STATED ABOVE, WE EXPECT TO REACH AGREEMENT ON A LIST OF SUCH PROJECTS WITH BDG. TRANSFER OF LIABILITY AND RESCHEDULING SHOULD BE CLOSELY COORDINATED WITH RESCHEDULING AGREEMENTS SIMULTANEOUS WITH OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF LIABILITY. RUSH

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